Prices of decontrolled Medicines

2937. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no guidelines have been evolved by Government for monitoring and regulating the prices of decontrolled medicines;

(b) what is the percentage of mark up, profitability, turnover, decontrolled based of a producer which are taken into consideration;

(c) if so, what effective steps are being taken in this direction;

(d) whether it is also a fact that Government have not reviewed the price controlled basket for the last three years; and

(e) what steps are being taken to review the list?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) No Sir. Monitoring of prices of price decontrolled medicines is done, to the extent possible, on the basis of internal guidelines.

(d) and (e) A Background Note on Review of Drug Policy, 86, which deals with the issues of span of price control and criteria for selection of drugs for purpose of price control, has already been placed on the Table of both the Houses on 12-8-92 and is expected to be taken up for discussion soon.

2938. [*Transferred to 26th March*, 1993].

Regarding dumping of Petrochemicals in Indian Market

2939. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL ALIAS MEEM AFZAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to recession in international market a huge quantity of petro-chemicals is being dumped in Indian market at a lower rate;

(b) whether it is a fact that IPCL and RPCL have sought anti-dumping duty on these chemicals;

(c) whether it is also a fact that domestic petro chemical industry is being threatened by the dumped imports; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) In the perception of some segments of the Indian Petro-chemical industry, the current world surplus in petro-chemicals appear to have led to the dumping of a few items.

(b) to (d) Presently, Ministry of Commerce, the designated authority for anti-dumping action under Customs Tariff Act, 1975, is considering Anti-Dumping Petitions from a few Indian producers.

Problems of Danapur Cantt.

2940. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Chairman, Finance and General Committee, Cantt. Board Danapur (Bihar) has submitted a Memorandum to the Prime Minister and Defence Minister of India on 8th January, 1993 regarding problems of Cantonments Board, Danapur;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) A representation dated 8.1.93 regarding